

ITEM: 17

SUBJECT: Uncontested NPDES Permit

REPORT: Following is a proposed permit. All agencies and the dischargers concur, or have offered no comments. Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal

	<p>The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) currently regulates discharges from cold water concentrated aquatic animal production (CAAP) facilities pursuant to the General Waste Discharge Requirements (General Order), adopted 29 January 2010. The General Order applies to surface water discharges from facilities that meet the definition of a cold water CAAP facility, as defined in section 122.24 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations. To be eligible for coverage under the General Order, the facility must discharge at least 30 calendar days per year, produce at least 20,000 pounds harvest weight of aquatic animals per year, and feed at least 5,000 pounds of food during the calendar month of maximum feeding. A Discharger that does not meet the above criteria may also be designated a CAAP facility by the Executive Officer upon a determination that the facility is a significant contributor of pollution to waters of the United States.</p> <p>At least five existing cold water CAAP facilities in the Central Valley are not eligible for coverage under the existing General Order due to the presence of trace metals in intake water which is from the same surface water as the discharge. The proposed Order, if adopted, will amend Order R5-2010-0018 to allow for intake water credits, allowing regulatory coverage for these facilities under the General Order in instances where intake water is responsible for the elevated concentrations of metals. The proposed amendment also makes necessary clarifications to the existing Order.</p> <p>A public notice was issued on 10 November 2011 describing the proposed amendment, with public comments due by 12 December 2011. Comments were received by the Department of Fish and Game that requested minor language clarifications in the proposed General Order amendment. Central Valley Water Board staff concurred with the changes and modified the proposed amendment accordingly.</p>
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RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed NPDES permits.

Mgmt. Review _____

Legal Review _____

February 2, 2012

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting
11020 Sun Center Dr. #200